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For: POSITION DETECTING APPARATUS, AND)	
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METHOD	:	June 23, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

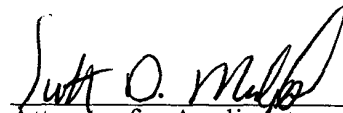
For the Examiner's information, Japanese document No. 6-105206 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,453,684.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		5,453,684	9/26/1995	Nakayama	324	207.12	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		6-105206	4/15/1994	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	

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